

## Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 TEHRAN 04566 050738Z

43

ACTION VOE-00

INFO OCT-01 NEA-09 ISO-00 CU-04 /014 W

----- 023161

R 050641Z JUN 74

FM AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6724

INFO AMCONSUL KHORRAMSHAHR BY POUCH

AMCONSUL TABRIZ BY POUCH

UNCLAS TEHRAN 4566

E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: CVIS IR

SUBJ: RETURNING STUDENTS

REF: STATE 108717

1. RE PARA 2 REFTTEL, EMB MAY OCCASIONALLY BE PRESENTED SPURIOUS OR FRAUDULENT TRANSCRIPTS, BUT EMB BELIEVES IT IS MUCH LESS LIKELY BECAUSE: (A) SCHOOLS APPEAR UNWILLING TO SAY STUDENT HAS BEEN IN SCHOOL WHEN HE HAS NOT, WHEREAS ISSUANCE OF I-20 INVOLVES MUCH FUZZIER ISSUES; (B) MOST TRANSCRIPTS ARE PRODUCED BY AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT, SO PRODUCTION OF SPURIOUS TRANSCRIPTS WOULD BE QUITE DIFFICULT AND TIME CONSUMING. EMB HAS, WITHIN MEMORY CURRENT OFFICERS, RECEIVED NO TRANSCRIPTS FROM U.S. SCHOOLS BELIEVED TO BE FRAUDULENT.

2. RE PARA 3 REFTTEL, EMB ESTIMATES TRANSCRIPTS INDICATE ABOUT FIVE TO TEN PERCENT RETURNING STUDENTS NOT FULLTIME STUDENTS AT SCHOOL ISSUING I-20. EMB CONCURS THAT TRANSCRIPT DOES NOT UNCOVER STUDENTS ILLEGALLY EMPLOYED WHILE PURSUING FULL COURSE STUDIES, BUT BELIEVES NUMBER SUCH STUDENTS RELATIVELY SMALL, IN VIEW OF DIFFICULTY MANAGING SUCH A BURDEN. TRANSCRIPTS SIMPLY SHOW WHETHER STUDENT IS ENROLLED, AND WHETHER HE HAS COMPLETED COURSES FOR WHICH HE REGISTERED. IF HE HAS WITHDRAWN FROM COURSES, OR NOT BEEN ENROLLED

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 TEHRAN 04566 050738Z

SUBSTANTIAL PERIOD TIME, IT IS ALMOST CERTAIN INDICATOR

STUDENT HAS ACCEPTED ILLEGAL EMPLOYMENT. WHEN CONFRONTED WITH TRANSCRIPTS SHOWING LESS THAN FULL-TIME STUDY, MOST "STUDENTS" ADMIT EMPLOYMENT.

3. RE PARA 4 REFTTEL, EMB HAS IN 1974 SENT FONOFF NOTE ASKING FONOFF TO NOTIFY GOI EMB AND CONSULATES IN U.S. OF REQUIREMENT. ALL IRANIAN STUDENTS RETURNING IRAN FOR SUMMER MUST STOP AT ONE OF DIPLOMATIC OR CONSULAR MISSIONS IN U.S. FOR CERTIFICATION OF STUDENT STATUS. IN 1974 AND PREVIOUS YEARS, EMB HAS NOTIFIED IRAN NATL AIRLINES, WHICH RUNS SEVERAL REDUCED FARE CHARTERS FOR RETURNING STUDENTS TO IRA, OF THE VISA REQUIREMENTS, AND ASKED THAT IRANAIR INFORM TICKET HOLDERS AND ANNOUNCE INFO ONBOARD FLIGHT. IRANAIR HAS INFORMED EMBASSY THAT IT PASSED MESSAGE TO OUTLETS U.S., AND HAS BEEN NOTIFIED THOSE OUTLETS ALREADY AWARE REQUIREMENTS. THEY HAVE PASSED AND WILL CONTINUE TO PASS INFO TO STUDENTS, WHILE IRANAIR ALSO ANNOUNCES REQUIREMENTS ONBOARD CHARTER FLIGHTS. WORD OF MOUTH ALSO EFFECTIVE DEVICE, THOUGH EMB HAS NOT RELIED ON SAME. EMB FINDS THAT FEW STUDENTS DO NOT HAVE TRANSCRIPT WHEN THEY APPLY FOR VISA.

4. EMB ALSO NOTES THAT TRANSCRIPT IS NOT SINE QUA NON: EMB READILY ACCEPTS IN LIEU THEREOF CERTIFICATE FROM UNIVERSITY STATING STUDENT VALIDLY ENROLLED DURING XYZ SEMESTER, ETC. EMB ALSO DOES NOT ALWAYS REQUIRE THAT TRANSCRIPT COVER STUDENT'S MOST RECENT SEMESTER, AS EMB RECOGNIZES MANY STUDENTS LEAVE BEFORE FULL TRANSCRIPT OF FINAL SEMESTER CAN BE PREPARED. TRANSCRIPT SHOWING BONA FIDE ATTENDANCE PREVIOUS SEMESTERS USUALLY ADEQUATE.

5. DEPT REQUESTED CONCUR IN REINSTITUTION OF TRANSCRIPT (CERTIFICATE) REQUIREMENT.  
HELMS

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 JAN 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** n/a  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 05 JUN 1974  
**Decaption Date:** 01 JAN 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** n/a  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Authority:** n/a  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:**  
**Disposition Date:** 01 JAN 1960  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1974TEHRAN04566  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** N/A  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Film Number:** D740142-0939  
**From:** TEHRAN  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1974/newtext/t19740671/aaaacjjh.tel  
**Line Count:** 96  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Office:** ACTION VOE  
**Original Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** STATE 108717  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Authority:** shawdg  
**Review Comment:** n/a  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 23 OCT 2002  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review History:** RELEASED <23 OCT 2002 by kellew0>; APPROVED <10 JAN 2003 by shawdg>  
**Review Markings:**

Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
30 JUN 2005

**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Referrals:** n/a  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** RETURNING STUDENTS  
**TAGS:** CVIS, IR  
**To:** STATE  
**Type:** TE  
**Markings:** Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005